GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:53
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2007
ANGANWADI CENTRES
Chandrappan Shri C.K.;Reddy Shri Suravaram Sudhakar

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of sanctioned Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) have not been so far made operational by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the number of AWCs sanctioned and the number among them made operational so far, State-wise;

(c) the main reasons for delay in making the remaining sanctioned AWCs operational;

(d) whether the Supreme Court has again issued stern warning to the States for failing to operationalise the sanctioned AWCs and has asked them to clear the backlog; and

(e) if so, the details and the measures taken by the Union Government to ensure that the sanctioned AWCs are made operational by the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 53 FOR 14.8.2007 BY SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKR REDDY AND SHRI C.K. CHANDRAPPAN REGARDING ANGANWADI CENTRES

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A Statement indicating the number of sanctioned and operational Anganwadi Centres State/UT-wise, as on 31.3.2007, is annexed.

(c) As per an exercise conducted by the Ministry some time back, adopting Critical Path Method (CPM)/PERT Chart, operationalisation of AWC requires about 12 months. However, due to various reasons including dealays in administrative sanctions, court cases etc., recruitment of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) gets delayed in the States/UTs, leading to delays in operationalisation.

Ministry of Women & Child Development is continuously monitoring and reviewing the implementation of ICDS Scheme with the State Governments/UT Administrations and requesting them to take all required administrative measures for early operationalisation of sanctioned AWCs.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court in its order of 9th July, 2007 directed all the States to operationalize the AWCs sanctioned upto September 2006, by 15th July, 2007 with the exception of the State of Uttar Pradesh who were directed to operationalise the AWCs by 31.7.2007. Those Centres which have been sanctioned upto January, 2007 should be made operational by 30.9.2007.

Following the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the States/UTs were directed by the Ministry on 10.7.2007, to strictly adhere to the timeframe given by the Court.